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Next week, Nashville families at risk of eviction or foreclosure will have priority for government heating assistance.

Metro Action Commission usually distributes emergency funds for gas and electric bills on a first come-first served basis. But with an uptick in the number of applications for help, spokeswoman Lisa Gallon says the agency wants to make sure they don't get to the high-priority cases too late.

**“Likely they don’t have a lot of time before certain actions will take place and so we want to make sure that we are proactive as we can given the number of customers we’re seeing. We don’t want to add to any issues that the families may be suffering.”**

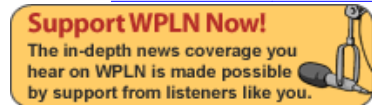
Gallon says there won't be any change to the application procedure. The documents that are always required indicate whether a household is on the verge of foreclosure or eviction.

Last month, the federal government gave Metro Action Commission an additional 3-point-1 million dollars, enough to help more than 8-thousand families.

By Nina Cardona

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